(a) whether the District Magistrate has suggested the appointment of an additional Magistrate for Kanayannur ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, the reasons for such recommendation ;

(c) if the suggestion has been made, the orders passed thereon ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) To reduce the congestion of work in the Principal Court.

(c) Government ordered that new and urgent cases might be transferred to the Additional Sub-Magistrate, Cochin, so that the Kanayannur Magistrate can concentrate his attention on the old cases.

Investing District Registrars with Magisterial powers.

377. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any recommendation has been made to the Government to invest the District Registrars of Mulanthuruthy, Vellarappilly and Narakkal with Magisterial powers;

(b) the reasons for such suggestion ;

(c) the orders passed thereon ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Proposal was made to invest the District Registrars of Mulanthuruthy and Vellarappilly with Magisterial powers.

(b) To relieve the congestion of work in the Kanayannur Magistrate's Court.

(c) Government ordered that the proposal cannot be accepted.

Rates of tender deductions in earth works.

378. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is not a fact that in earth works the prevailing tender deductions are 40 per cent and more;

(b) whether these deductions are not due to the present economic condition ;

(c) whether these deductions will be lessened as the economic condition is restored ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes, in some cases.

(b) The present economic condition has contributed to the high deductions.

(c) It is impossible to offer a definite opinion on the matter.

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